



Wheaton Park District

Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 15, 2025 5:00 p.m.

City of Wheaton Council Chambers 303 W. Wesley Street Wheaton, Illinois

CALL TO ORDER – President Vires called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Commissioners Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Mee, Pecharich, were present.

Commissioner Welker absent

PRESENTATIONS

Mary Lubko Center Manager, Megann Panek stated as our logo states, The MLC is the place to be! Every week, our building is buzzing with energy, laughter and connection.

Panek said the day trips continue to be a highlight – some of the unique adventures we've taken this year include:

- Baha'i Temple in Wilmette
- Cubs vs Brewers game at American Family Field
- Explored the Pullman district
- Trick or Trolley tomorrow night in Naperville to see Halloween decorations
- New this year - Bargain trips (under \$100) – Chinatown, Lincoln Park

Our extended travel includes:

- Working with Collette Tours to take patrons to
 - o Hawaii
 - o Imperial Cities (Prague, Vienna, Budapest)
 - o South Africa (8 different safaris)

Staff is collaborating with Inclusive Escapes to create an exclusive Park District trip.

Patrons will get a say in where we go and what we do. This trip will take place in 2027.

Patrons will also be taking an in-house overnight trip to Galena in 2026

Panek said that, closer to home, we're proud to offer a wide variety of free programs:

- Fitness classes – Ageless Grace, Cardio Drumming
- Lecture series – Senior Tech Support, The Rick Report: Real Talk on Health, Presto Peace of Mind
- AARP Tax Aide – serves almost 400 people each year

We brought the community together with new special events like:

- Author Talk with Tom Tofey
- Cooking for One with the chef from Lexington Square
- Tunes on the Terrace

We keep our participants moving with fitness classes such as:

- Yoga

- Tai Chi
- Strength & Stability

We showcase local talent with our cultural arts offerings:

- Snappy Tappers tap dance class
- Silvertones and Beyond Glee choruses – both of which offer spring and holiday concerts

For our lifetime learners and social players, we offer:

- Spanish for Seniors
- Mahjongg and Bridge lessons
- Drop-in groups – bridge, canasta, mahjongg, rummikub, quilting

And beyond programs, our facility is available for rentals, giving the community a welcoming place to gather, celebrate and connect.

Milestones Achieved this year:

- Pedal Pushers – celebrating 50 years together
- Step in Time Dancers retired after 17 years
- Beyond Glee was invited to sing at Lincoln Center in New York

In conclusion Panek stated that the Mary Lubko Center isn't just where seniors go—it's where they belong.

Commissioner Mee attended the Step In Time retirement party. He said it was well done. Mee asked Panek how many attend the local events. Panek said we host approximately 60-70 people. Commissioner Pecharich asked what the age range is for typical events. Panek said approximately 72-76 years old. She said that we have a little younger crowd than most park districts. Commissioner Frey asked when the Budapest/Prague trip will be. Panek said it will be sometime in 2026.

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$1,318,026.96 for the period beginning September 10, 2025, and ending October 7, 2025
- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes September 25, 2025

Commissioner Mee moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Seconded by, Commissioner Frey No discussion

Motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Mee, Pecharich, Vires
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Welker

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2025 Ray Morrill Community Center Building Automation System Project-

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve the base bid from Precision Control Systems in the amount of \$135,500 plus a 10% contingency. Seconded by Commissioner Mee.

Commissioner Kelly said we've been remodeling the interior of the Ray Morrill Community Center. HVAC is over 30 years old. This will replace the automation system, our next step is the air handlers

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Mee, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Welker

2. Ray Morrill Community Center- Locker Room Modifications

Commissioner Mee moved to accept the quote from Prestige Distribution, Inc. in the amount of \$35,890. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett.

Commissioner Frey said that the pictures staff sent were very informative.

Commissioner Kelly said that the specifications for the lockers should have been 15 inches, but instead they came in 13.5 inches. Stuckey Construction gave us credit for the error.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Mee, Vires

Nays: Pecharich

Abstain: None

Absent: Welker

3. Resolution 2025-04

Commissioner Barrett moved to approve Resolution 2025-04 Authorizing the Estimate of the Annual Aggregate Levy in Compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law
Seconded by Commissioner Frey. No discussion

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Mee, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Welker

4. 2026 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Draft

Commissioner Frey moved to Place the 2026 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Draft and Related Reports on 30-day Public Inspection. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett.

Commissioner Mee asked when this draft would be displayed. Executive Director Benard said it will go up tomorrow. This will come back to the board in December for formal approval. President Vires stated, there may be changes between now and December.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Mee, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Welker

5. Professional Auditing Services for Fiscal Years 2025-2027

Commissioner Barrett moved to Accept the Proposal from Lauterbach & Amen for Professional Auditing Services for the Wheaton Park District and Affiliate Foundations at cost of \$42,300 for 2025, \$43,900 for 2026 and \$45,500 for 2027. Seconded by Commissioner Mee.

Commissioner Kelly stated that after each 3-year contract, the park district issues a Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify other potential vendors.

Benard added that if the current vendor is still the lowest bidder during the RFP process, they are awarded another 3-year contract. After completing two consecutive 3-year terms (a total of 6 years), the organization issues a new RFP; however, at that point, the incumbent vendor is no longer eligible to be awarded the contract, and a new vendor must be selected.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Mee, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Welker

6. Arrowhead Golf Club Food Purchases

Commissioner Mee moved to Approve the Bids for the Following Products, Vendors, Costs and Pricing Terms as Presented from December 2025 through November 2026.

Dairy:	Sysco Chicago	\$ 149,520	Commodity Pricing- 1 year
Seafood:	Sysco Chicago	\$ 51,883	Commodity Pricing- 1 year
Poultry:	Consumers Meat	\$ 115,780	Commodity Pricing- 1 year
Meat:	Consumers Meat	\$ 353,539	Fixed Pricing- 1 year
Bread:	Turano Baking	\$ 106,698	Fixed Pricing- 1 year
General/Froz:	Sysco Chicago	\$ 172,188	Fixed Pricing- 1 year
Dry Goods:	Sysco Chicago	\$ 173,482	Fixed Pricing- 1 year
Paper/Disp:	Trimark USA	\$ 64,745	Commodity Pricing- 1 year
Produce:	Get Fresh	\$ 156,547	Pricing- 1 year
Beverages:	Sysco Chicago	\$ 17,391	Fixed Pricing- 1 year

Seconded by Commissioner Kelly. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Mee, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Welker

7. Arrowhead Golf Course Chemical Purchases

Commissioner Kelly moved to approve the Bids for the Vendors, Products and Prices per Staff Recommendations for the 2026 Fiscal Year. (*see back page of minutes*)

Seconded by Commissioner Mee. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Mee, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Welker

BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS / DISCUSSION

Athletics

- Mee reported that athletics participation continues to grow.
- Rams Tackle Football registration is up compared to last year.
- A brand-new Girls 7-on-7 Football Team has launched, with 47 participants registered.

Facility Usage

- CAC rentals have increased.
 - Mike noted that with growing interest in league sports, the facility is seeing more frequent use.
- Parks Plus Fitness Center recorded approximately 7,000 total visits.

Community Events & Promotions

- Cosley Zoo "Celebrates You" event was well attended.
 - The Hale Family Pavilion received positive feedback and "looks great."

Restaurant Specials

- Sunday: Half-price appetizers
- Tuesday: Bloody Mary Bar and half-off draft beers
- Wednesday: Half-price wine

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:17 p.m., Commissioner Mee moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Barrett. seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.



Motion Details – New Business Number 7

Arrowhead Golf Course Chemicals 2026

Advanced Turf Solutions of Geneva, IL for: Isoxaben in the amount of \$194.25, Prohexadione in the amount of \$1,520.50.00 for per/case, Defendor in the amount of \$852.52 per/case, Mesotrione 21-22-4 in the amount of \$56.41 per bag, Gold Standard 45 in the amount of \$207.27 for 2.5 gallons, 22-0-4 w/ZnB 50% XCU in the amount of \$979.90 per ton, Advanced HGT 80/20 seed for 297.50 per/bag, Aloft in the amount of \$675.30 for 64oz, Command in the amount of \$144.93 for 2.5 gallons

Clesen's of Linconshire, IL for: Chlorantraniliprole in the amount of \$1,100.00 per case, Game On in the amount of \$171.85 for 2.5 gallons, Fluazinam in the amount of \$457.10 per case, Propamocarb in the amount of \$97.55 for 1 gallon, Chlorothalonil in the amount of \$118.50 per case, Cutless MEC in the amount of \$1,317.50 for 2.5 gallons, and Iprodione in the amount of \$159.55 for 2.5 gallons.

Pendleton Turf Supply of Waterford, WI for: Tebuconazole in the amount of \$39.40 per gallon, Trinexapac-ethyl in the amount of \$220.00 for 2.5 gallons, Propiconazole in the amount of \$110 for 2.5 gallons, Paclobutrazol in the amount of \$100.00 per gallon, and Thiophanate-methyl in the amount of \$101.55 for 2.5 gallons.

Conserve FS of Tinley Park, IL for Carbaryl in the amount of \$175.00 for 2.5 gallons.

Simplot AB Retail of Downers Grove, IL for: Syngenta Winter Solution in the amount of \$6,572.00 per unit, Syngenta A2Z Solution in the amount of \$8181.00 per unit, Daconil Action in the amount of \$265.00 for 2.5 gallons, Daconil Weatherstick in the amount of \$210.00 for 2.5 gallons, Syngenta Forte Solution in the amount of \$19,178.00 per unit, Syngenta Fairy Ring Solution in the amount of \$9008.00 per unit, Signature Extra in the amount of \$184.88 per 5.5 lbs, Serata in the amount of \$459.81 for 35oz, Tartan in the amount of \$981.35 for 2.5 gallons, Andersons 9-12-6 HCU in the amount of 41.40 per bag, Rely in the amount of \$200 for 2.5 gallons, Forte in the amount of \$1200.00 for 2.5 gallons, Reslia in the amount of \$881.56 per case, Tetrino in the amount of \$1952.00 per case